mal Power Corporation's Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Project in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The installed capacity of three units is 200 MW each and that of the fourth unit is 500 MW. The average Plant Load Factor of the units under commercial operation was 77.2 per cent during the year 1987-88.

Contract with Danish firm

1958. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any contract between the Telecommunication Department and a Danish firm has recently been signed; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. ITI Ltd., jointly with M/s. HCL has signed an agreement with M/s. NKT, Denmark for transfer of technology on manufacture of Fibre Optic Thermal equipment and manufacture of Fibre Cables, respectively. The Agreement was signed on 6th May, 1987. The capacity to be set up by M/s. ITI Ltd., is 610 terminals involving capital investment of Rs. 406.41 lakhs which is inclusive of capital goods, documentation, know-how and technical assistance.

Aid for Anapara Thermal Power Project

1959. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the financial aid from Japan for Anapara Thermal Power Project;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(d) by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The Government of Japan have agreed to provide 100 billion Yen through the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) and 40 billion Yen through the Exim Bank of Japan for the Anapara 'B' thermal power project (2x500 MW) of the UP State Electricity Board. The project has been approved for implementation with Japanese assistance.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Theft of Electricity

1960. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases of theft of electricity detected by DESU during the last two months;

(b) the steps taken by Government to check the theft of electricity; and

(c) the amount of loss suffered by DESU as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

मध्य प्रदेश के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में डाकघर

1961. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश के 71352 ग्रामों के लिए केवल 9405 डाकघर है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार विशेष रूप से मध्य प्रदेश के पिछड़े तथा आदि-